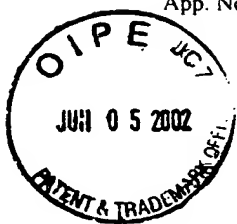


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2002. The due date for response extends to May 26, 2002. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows: A clean version including amendments follows, and a marked up version is attached to this Amendment.

In page 1, first paragraph, please replace with the following:

--The present invention relates to noise problems in integrated circuits. More

45 particularly, the present invention provides a method for inserting buffers into an

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

Claims

| | Remaining After Amendment | Highest Previously Paid For | Present Extra | SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE | OR | LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 48 - | 20 | 28 | X09 = \$ | OR | X18 = \$504.00 |
| INDEP CLAIMS | 04 - | 04 | 0 | X42 = \$ | OR | X84 = \$ |
| [] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid | | | | \$140 | | \$280 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ | | \$504.00 |

☐ Applicant hereby petition for a _____ month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

☒ Applicant believes that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805

☒ Enclosed is our Check No. 6934 in the amount of \$504.00 to cover the additional claim fee.

☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP099). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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